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INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1936

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF CHIANG CH'ING

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR FITZGERALD TELULS US THAT AT RECENT DINNER FOR VISITING AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL DELEGATION, ONE OF HIS EMBASSY

OFFICERS ASKED CHINESE AT TABLE IF REPORTS WERE TRUE TO EFFECT CHIANG CH'ING HAD DIRECTED ADOPTION OF NEW WOMEN'S FASHIONS (DRESSES INSTEAD OF TROUSERS), WHICH WOULD APPEAR NEXT SPRING. CHINESE ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY, AND THEN TO SURPRISE OF EMBASSY OFFICER WENT ON TO EXPRESS CRITICISM OF THIS STEP ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY AND NOT GOOD FOR CHINA.

2. AMBASSADOR FITZGERALD TOOK THIS INCIDENT AS EVIDENCE THAT DESPITE RECENT EFFORTS TO BUILD UP POSITION AND PRESTIGE OF CHIANG CH'ING (E.G. ARRANGING FOR HER TO HEAD LIST OF TOP CHINESE MEETING VISITING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OR CHIEFS OF STATE JUST PRIOR TO FORMAL WELCOMING BANQUET), SHE IS STILL NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURELY BOUND UP IN LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND COULD SUFFER QUITE

A FALL

AFTER MAO TSE-TUNG LEAVES THE SCENE. USLO TENDS TO AGREE.

3. APROPOS OF LADIES' SKIRTS, CHIANG CH'ING APPEARED IN
PEOPLES' DAILY PHOTO NOVEMBER 6 COVERING PRE-BANQUET MEETING
WITH ERIC WILLIAMS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WEARING LONG BLACK
DRESS ALMOST TOUCHING THE FLOOR (MRS. WILLIAMS WAS ALSO
WEARING LONG DRESS). THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE NOTED
CHIANG CH'ING IN SUCH COSTUME, ALTHOUGH LAST YEAR SHE ATTENDED
PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA CONCERT SHE WORE BLACK THREE-QUARTER LENGTH
SKIRT WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY INSPIRED BY GODEY'S LADIES' BOOK. SKIRTS
DO APPEAR TO BE "IN".
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